

Conservation Commission Minutes

Present: Gloria Medeiros, David Weed, Jane Harrison, Helen Hawkinson

Regrets: Bob Rutkiewicz, Kurt Jamiel Chair: Gloria Medeiros

Next Meeting: Monday, July 19, 2010, 7pm Warren Town Hall

Correspondence: Letter received from RI Conservation District offering assistance to the Town of Warren Conservation Commission

Call to Order: Gloria Medeiros called order at 7:06pm

Nomination for Recording Secretary: Gloria Medeiros nominated Helen Hawkinson to fill the position of Recording Secretary until December 2010. David seconded the nomination, which was voted on and passed.

Annual Budget July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010:

Many needs were discussed, the total of which exceeds the funds on hand. The following expenses were voted on and approved:

*** \$100.00 for a sign on the Bike Path to mark location of the Hugh Cole Well.**

*** \$200.00 for shrubs to be planted by DPW around the well at the entrance to Warren after crossing the bridge from Barrington on Rt.114.**

*** All the remaining funds in the budget, \$144.95, were approved for the purchase of a bench, if one could be obtained for that amount or**

less. A bench is needed to replace the one on Fatima Dr. which is broken and potentially dangerous. John Massed advises that wooded park benches with arms now cost \$1234.00. Gloria saw ads for plastic benches for about \$600.00. Gloria will shop for a bench.

Old Business:

1. Storm Drain Marking - Members have not yet starting marking Metacom Ave. It is possible that the State of RI will be doing road and curb repairs there. David said we need to educate and recommend better alternatives to the automotive and other business that currently wash down spills of toxic matter into the drains.

2. Passive Recreation Sites and Conservation Ordinance - Jane sent the CC's suggestions for inclusion in the ordinance and received no reply. This item is off agenda.

3. Bike Path-Hugh Cole Well - David has not received the photo of the original plaque from Walter. Jane will email John Chaney tomorrow. He might possibly have a copy.

4. Inventory of Detention/Retention ponds - No progress on list from DPW.

5. Habitat Restoration - Fatima Drive - A new bench is needed. Gloria has informed David Frerichs that she has three bushes that must be planted ASAP. Fatima wall needs to be fixed.

Baker Street - Gloria weeded and planted flowers. Owner is installing a fence.

New Business:

1. Company Street Scenic Waterfront Overlook - Cynthis Henley showed photographs of the waterfront overlook and spoke of its origin as a Boy Scout Project undertaken by her son and friends. She has maintained it since then with some neighbors assistance. About 10 neighbors gather there in the evening to see the sunset. The town installed a log barricade to block traffic and also installed a bench. Ms. Henley hoped to receive support from the CC to obtain funding for improvements. She will find someone who can do a design. Jane can offer advice on grants to fund the project. Cynthia will talk with Kurt Jamiel who will keep CC informed.

2. Quahog/Art Festival - Jane had talked with Kathy Kittell about CC having space on the top of the hill, where the Art Show is located. Kathy sounded positive, but Jane has not received an answer. It was decided to apply to the Quahog Festival, applications are due by June 18th. We can not wait for an answer from the Art Show any longer. Gloria will hand deliver the application to TAP tomorrow. David will bring the tent to Burr's Hill Park. Gloria will bring table, water bottles, T shirts. Jane will bring literature for distribution. Helen will be on vacation and unable to attend.

3. Open Space - Jane will bring a plat map to the next meeting of the CC to help us locate the parcels of open space in Warren.

Commissioners' Concerns: David reported on the case against Full Channel TV. The company was ordered to stop all work, restore the fresh water, and a \$2,100. fine.

There being no other business, David moved to adjourn the meeting. Jane seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

**Respectfull submitted,
Helen Hawkinson**